

Application Serial No. 10/824,794

REMARKS

The claims have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claims 7 and 10 into the independent claims. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 7-10 have thereby been cancelled.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been objected to because of a typographical error. In view of Applicants' correction of claim 14, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al., in view of Service. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that the references alone or in combination do not teach or suggest that the electrically conductive ground strip layer comprises lignin sulfonic acid doped polyaniline dispersion and a silica filler. Therefore, because the references alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the elements of the present claims, Applicants submit that the present claims are nonobvious in view of the cited combination.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al. in view of Service,

Claims 19-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al. in view of Service as applied to claims 1-9 and 11-18 above, and further in view of Handbook of Imaging Materials to Diamond. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that the references alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the combination of the lignin sulfonic acid doped polyaniline dispersion and silica filler. Therefore, Applicants submit that because the cited combination does not teach or suggest all the elements of the claims, that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the cited combination.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al. in view of Service as applied to claims 1-9 and 11-18 above, and further in view of Handbook of Imaging Materials to Diamond.

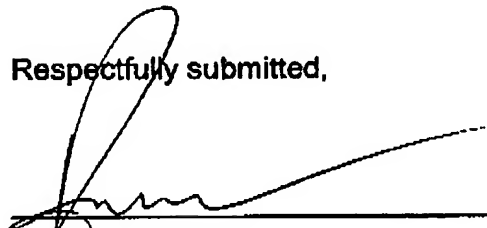
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In view of the above arguments, amendments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

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